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Amendment A

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Amendments

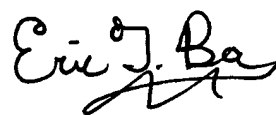
In response to the Office Letter mailed June 22, 2004, please amend the specification as follows:

- At the end of the first paragraph in the detailed description of the invention, add the sentence "We end with a discussion of methods to obtain out-of-sample inputs."
- At the end of the detailed description of the invention, add a section titled "Obtaining Out-of-Sample Inputs." The contents of this section are in the updated specification, which is enclosed. The section is on pages 16 and 17.

These are the only changes to the specification.

Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance

If the application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, I request further constructive assistance and suggestions from the Examiner.

Thank you,


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